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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for "Anerobic Digester Nutrient Recovery" project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, located at 625 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155. The funding would be used to create a blueprint document to guide the creation and development of a domestic nutrient recycling industry in Minnesota.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because recovering nutrients would reduce nutrient run-off and positively impact the state's water and air resources. The research serves to protect Minnesota's waters, improve sustainability of agriculture production, and potentially create a new fertilizer industry segment for Minnesota.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum

Member of Congress